

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims supersedes all prior versions and listings of claims in this application:

1. (Currently Amended) A peer-to-peer (P2P) digital content distribution system, including said system comprising:

a plurality of programmed processors configured to provide:

a registration module executed by at least one of said processors for receiving registration data for a digital item accessible, on a P2P communications network, using a P2P digital item client on a first device, wherein said digital item includes a structured digital object including standard representation, identification, metadata and also by reference content for download and other content accessible by said second device without payment;

an activity module executed by at least one of said processors for receiving on a second device a request for content of said digital item from said P2P digital item client on a second device; and

a transaction module executed by at least one of said processors for registering download of said content to said second device, for processing payment transactions with said second device, and for processing remuneration transactions with at least said first device,

wherein at least said digital item client on said first device includes a creator module for authoring digital items, said creator module generating interfaces for:

(i) adding and editing of content for a digital item;

(ii) editing and establishing a digital item declaration for said digital item;

and

(iii) adding buy data for said digital item by including resources or metadata in said digital item declaration.

2-3. (Cancelled)

4. (Original) A content distribution system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said digital item references said content for access by said second device without payment, such as by streaming.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Original) A content distribution system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said remuneration transactions include storing credit data for a user of said first device.

7. (Original) A content distribution system as claimed in claim 6, wherein said credit data represents credits that can be used for payment of requested content.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) A content distribution system as claimed in claim [[8]] 1, wherein said digital item and digital item declaration complies with MPEG-21.

10. (Original) A content distribution system as claimed in claim 1, including a search module for generating a search interface to a search engine for processing search queries in relation to content on said network, and providing responses with references to digital items.

11. (Original) A content distribution system as claimed in claim 10, wherein said responses are ranked based on a ranking criteria selected by a user of said search interface, and the ranking criteria includes at least one of:

- (i) reviews for a digital item;
- (ii) reviews for an author of a digital item;
- (iii) level of access of a digital item; and
- (iv) level of purchase of a digital item.

12. (Original) A content distribution system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the digital item includes buy data used to generate a buy button for said content, which on selection by a user on said second device, generates said request.

13. (Original) A content distribution system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said content is downloaded from a location referenced, directly or indirectly, by said digital item.

14. (Currently Amended) A content distribution system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said digital item references an ~~unauthorised~~ unauthorized copy of said content and includes buy data for an ~~authorised~~ authorized copy of said content.

15. (Original) A content distribution system as claimed in claim 6, wherein said remuneration transactions include storing said credit data representing a percentage of remuneration for said user of said first device, and storing credit data representing a percentage of said remuneration for a publisher or creator of said content.

16. (Original) A content distribution system as claimed in claim 6, wherein said digital item references said content available on a site of an affiliate, and said

remuneration transactions include storing said credit data representing a payment from said affiliate.

17. (Original) A content distribution system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said payment transactions include obtaining payment from the user of said second device for said remuneration.

18. (Currently Amended) A content distribution system as claimed in claim [[2]] 1, wherein said digital item client is adapted to place a number of digital items on said P2P network, and said digital items include or reference one or more content elements, ~~such as audio, video, images, text or graphic elements,~~ and the content elements are public domain, unauthorized ~~unauthorised~~, or authorized ~~authorised~~ elements.

19. (Original) A content distribution system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said client is adapted to present advertising information based on advertising data served to said client, said advertising data being based on demographic data stored by said system for a user of said client.

20. (Currently Amended) A peer-to-peer (P2P) digital content distribution process, ~~including said process comprising:~~

receiving registration data for a digital item accessible, on a P2P communications network, using a P2P digital item client on a first device;

receiving on a second device a request for content of said P2P digital item digital item from said client ~~on a second device~~, wherein said digital item includes a structured digital object including standard representation, identification, metadata and also by reference content for download and other content accessible by said second device without payment;

registering download of said content to said second device;

processing payment transactions with said second device; and

processing remuneration transactions with at least said first device,

wherein at least said digital item client on said first device includes a creator module for authoring digital items, said creator module generating interfaces for:

(i) adding and editing of content for a digital item;

(ii) editing and establishing a digital item declaration for said digital item;

and

(iii) adding buy data for said digital item by including resources or metadata in said digital item declaration.

21. (Currently Amended) A content distribution process as claimed in claim [[19]] 20, including acceptance of registration data when a user of said first device has contributed content, metadata or a digital item declaration for said digital item.

22-34. (Cancelled)

35. (New) A content distribution system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said digital item and digital item declaration are in the extensible markup language (XML).